



Work Together For Good

TOCUMWAL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Wednesday 9th September, 2015

Term 3, Week 9

Principal: Darren White

Principal's Report

Premier's Spelling Bee

We wish Lachlan Shepherd and Macey White all the very best for the Regional Final of the Premier's Spelling Bee being held in Corowa on Thursday this week. The eventual winners will go on to compete in the State Finals in Sydney next term. Give it all you've got!

UNSW Science Assessment

Students from Tocumwal Public School achieved outstanding results when they participated in the University of NSW, International Competition and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) Science Assessment. Those students whose achievements were outstanding were rewarded with certificates of Merit, Credit and Distinction. Lachlan Shepherd and Jane Hatty received certificates of Merit, Angus Bouchier and Harvey White – Credit, Macey White, Chase Hardwidge, Jake Wilmot, Braydie Wright and Will Anderson – Distinction. Congratulations to all of the students who sat the assessment.



Year 5/6 Excursion

Tuesday morning was an early start for many of the Year 5 and 6 students as they departed for Canberra. The students have four full days packed with visits to many national attractions, including: New Parliament House, the Australian Institute of Sport, the Australian War Memorial, High Court of Australia, Australian National Museum, the Telstra Tower and many more.

They will certainly be exhausted when they return home on Friday evening at approximately 6-6:30pm.

Good Luck Tom and Harvey



Next Tuesday, 15th September, Tom Barker and Harvey White, who were selected in March this year for the Riverina Cricket Squad, will participate in the final trial match which will see the 24 man squad reduced to the final 12 man team after the match. Both boys have participated in a number of winter training sessions throughout the year with the squad and specialist coaches to further develop their skills in readiness for the NSW PSSA State Cricket carnival.

We wish them both all the very best next week in Barooga. From here the successful players will play off in the NSW PSSA State Cricket Championships in Barooga in late October once the final cut is made.

Important Dates

Tues 8th – Fri 11th September
Year 5/6 Excursion

Thursday 10th September
Junior Spelling Bee in Corowa

Wednesday 16th September
Senior Spelling Bee

Friday 18th September
Fun Run "Toc Tuff Tracks"
Footy Finals Day
Last Day Term 3

Monday 5th October
NSW Labour Day

Tuesday 6th October
First Day Term 4

Friday 16th October
Spring Round Robin

Wednesday 21st October
Musica Viva

Mon 30th Nov – Wed 2nd Dec
Year 3/4 Sovereign Hill Camp

Happy Birthday

Mrs Elliot



MATHLETICS
Inspiring Better Results

Mathletes of the Week:

Infants:

Will O'Connell

Primary:

Samantha Anderson-Catchpool

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Finley Show 2015

We have received the results from our students' entries in the Finley Show. The quality of work well and truly shone out among the other entries especially the handwriting, project work and the arts. I was most impressed by these stunning results as they reinforced to me the skills and talents of our students. Well done students. A special thank you to Mrs Gastin for taking the work over to Finley and helping set up and pull it all down.

Footy Day & Fun Run

On Friday, 18th September, we will be holding a Footy Finals Day. The SRC are encouraging students to wear their favourite AFL football team jumper or the colours of their favourite team.

During the morning assembly, we will sing footy team songs as a group in the assembly area. In between recess and lunch we will venture down to the pony club to participate in the 'Tocumwal Tough Tracks' Fun Run.

At lunchtime we will hold the longest kick competition for each grade.

If any parents would like to assist with the Fun Run, please come on down and join in the fun starting at around 11:35am.

Skoolbag App

As you may have heard by now, we launched a parent communication app for parents and caregivers of students from our school. This app has many functions. It can alert parents from individual classes (or the whole school) of events that are coming up, or notify if the bus is running late home from an excursion. It uses free push notification alerts. It will have the latest Newsletter for you to view as well as having the functionality for parents to send an absentee note directly to school if your child is away. If you get stuck come in and see us here at school and we will be only too happy to help you install it. Our aim is to further develop our communication between school and home.

Excursions

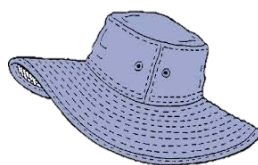
Term 3 and 4 are very popular with excursions here at Tocumwal Public School. If you need to discuss any aspect of your child's excursion please make an appointment to see your child's class teacher. Please keep all payments coming in as well as permission notes. Should you require financial assistance, please make an appointment to contact me through the office.

Kindergarten Enrolments

We are currently preparing for 2016. If you have a child to enrol or know of someone who has, please encourage them to complete and return their enrolment forms as soon as possible. Thank you.

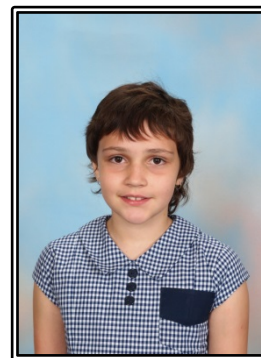
No Hat No Play!

In Term 4, we have a No Hat No Play policy for all students expecting to play in the playground. Please ensure that your child has a suitable broad brimmed hat for the start of the term. Hats with the school emblem are on sale at the school office. They are very practical and look quite smart. All kindergarten students should have been given one as a welcome gift from the P&C. If your child is new to Kindergarten and hasn't received their hat yet, call in to the office and see Alison Brooks who will be able to assist you.



Darren White

Last Week's Awards



Infants Student of the Week
Kellie Grenier



Primary Student of the Week
Max Conboy



Playground Award:
Alice Barker

Values Education:

Kinder:

Molly-May Ruigrok

Year 1:

Cody Palmer

Year 2:

Evelyn McCallum

Year 3:

Jessica Bennett

Year 4/5:

Hamish Smithers

Year 5/6:

Connor Crowley

Building self-esteem

It's never too early to help build self-esteem and resilience in a child. Self-esteem builds a solid foundation for people to deal with life and the many challenges it can pose. The Department of Family and Community Services has a good publication on this subject, as well as more for grandparents who are caring for young children, step families, single parents and coping with grief. Go to:

www.community.nsw.gov.au/parents_carers_and_families/parenting/general_tips_for_parents_and_carers.html

When lunch comes home ... again

Almost nine out of 10 Australian parents say children's resistance is a major obstacle in their efforts to provide a healthy diet, and in many cases school lunches are one of the battlegrounds. But it's a battle families can do without and there are some simple steps to help avoid it. Find out more:

<http://bit.ly/K7IoJD>

Getting ready for school camp

School camp is one of the highlights of childhood, however, it's also true that for some children (and their parents) the thought of staying away overnight can create a little anxiety. Read these tips for school camp confidence.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/Zsl9Wg>

Canteen Roster

Friday 11th September

9am-11.30am Emma Baron

11.30am-2pm Michelle Hack

Friday 18th September

Volunteers Required



Community Notes

TOCUMWAL JUNIOR CRICKET REGISTRATIONS

4.30pm Wednesday 16th September

At the Tocumwal Cricket Nets

U12, U14 and U16 registrations will be accepted.

\$60 for single, \$100 for family

Milo Cricket Registration information to follow shortly

Enquiries for Junior Cricket to Helen Barker
0411869245

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF FINLEY, TOCUMWAL & JERILDERIE

Is offering the sacrament of First Holy Communion and Confirmation on November 1st. Participants for First Holy Communion must be of Year 4 school age and older and for Confirmation must be Year 6 school age and older. Please contact the Parish office at 42 Pinnuck Street Finley 03 5883 1262, or Reverend Stephen Davis on 0429 845 525.

REXPO (for the love of dogs)

Community weekend will be held from 13th-15th November 2015.

There will be exhibitions, markets, parades, movies, music, trivia night, charity fun walk, mutt (mud) run; all ages will be able to enjoy buskers and The Waggles a local musical group. Supported by the Finley Chamber of Commerce, Industry & Agriculture Inc. and Berrigan Shire

BAROOGA SPRING MARKET AND CAR BOOT SALE

9am-12 noon Saturday 12th September

Golf Course Road Barooga

Sites still available \$10 per site

HIGHLAND DANCING DISPLAY AT THIS YEAR'S YARRRAWONGA SHOW

Classes to be held in Yarrawonga on Tuesdays, starting in October.

For more information Ph 0402720496



**Where: Cobram Showgrounds
(Scout Hall)**

Who: 5-12 year olds (boys & girls)

Week 1: 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th (mon, tue, wed, thurs)
Week 2: 29th, 30th (tue & wed)

**Standard day
9am-3pm**

**Half day
9am-12pm or 12pm - 3pm**

**Cost : \$20 full day
\$15 half day**
*****discount for block bookings*****
***** 20% discount per sibling*****

Bookings : 0400 615 145
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Tocumwal Tough Tracks- Adidas Fun Run

As we are getting closer to our end date we are beginning to gather our cash donations, finalise our online payments and fill in the back page of our sponsorship forms (see image to the right).

You must include your sponsorship form with your coin/note donations to the office as this is the only way to claim your prize.

The fun run will be held at the Tocumwal Rec. Reserve/Pony Club on the **18th September** (last day of Term 3) **between 11.30am - 1.00pm**. Students can start thinking about their outfits they wish to wear to the fun run. Please keep in mind these outfits/shoes/accessories will get muddy/wet/dirty all in the name of fitness and fundraising. Please do not send any outfit that cannot meet the rigours of our fun run.



Footy Colours Day falls on the same day so we will have a morning session to celebrate our fine sporting teams and then remove/change into our Fun Run clothing to ensure our footy jerseys are not ruined.

Any parents/family/community members who would love to give a hand on one of our activities can you please fill in and return the slip to the office ASAP.

Thank you,

Laura Willoughby

Tocumwal Tough Tracks- Adidas Fun Run

Parent Helper Form

I will be able to help at the schools Fun Run being held on the last day Term 3, 18th September 2015 from 11.30am until 1pm.

Name: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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